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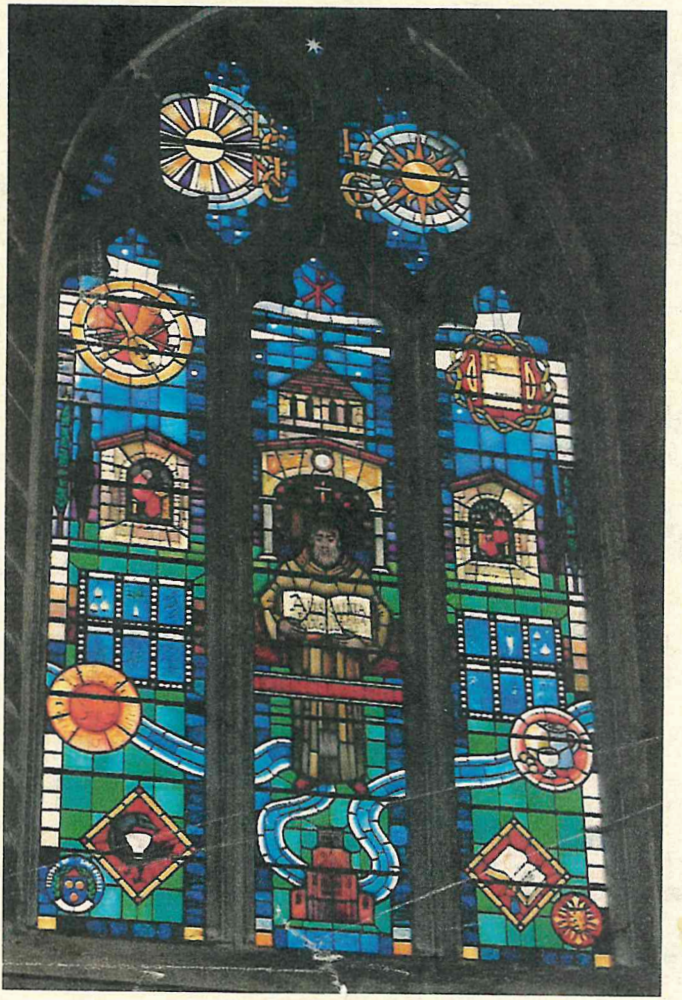

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Submission deadline is the 20th of the month for event announcements, articles, and artwork. Officers reports are due at officer's meeting.

December

					1 Baronial Yule	2 Julklap Festival of Lights
3 UH Gathr Fighter/ Fencing P	4	5	6 BF Gather	7 Populace Meeting	8	9 Caer Galen Midwinter
10 Fighter/ Fencing P	11	12	13 BF Gather	14	15	16 War Practice
17 Fighter/ Fencing P	18	19 BF Office	20 BF Gather	21 Officers meeting	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 BF Gather	28	29	30

January 2007

	1	2	3 BF Gather	4 Populace Meeting	5	6 12th Night
7 UH Gathr Fighter/ Fencing P	8	9	10 BF Gather	11	12	13 Viking Vinter Vonderlnd
14 Fighter/ Fencing P	15	16 BF Office	17 BF Gather	18 officers meeting	19	20 Winter Oasis
21 Fighter/ Fencing P	22	23	24 BF Gather	25	26	27
28 Fighter/ Fencing P	29	30	31 BF Gather			

Calendar Notes

For up to the minute information visit the Baronial web site at www.unserhafen.org and the Kingdom website at www.outlands.org.

Bofharrach Calendar:

2nd Tuesdays of the month: Officer's meeting at Open Arms, 2114 42nd Ave. Greeley, CO 80634. Public is welcome. Garb is not required. Bring munchies!

Fighter Practice, Baronial Gathering, and Baron's Whim Tourney

Join us on the 1st Sunday of every month for heavy and light fighting,, marshall arts class, Baron's whim tourney, announcements and/or brief court, then we all go out to eat! Garb encouraged
Fort Collins City Park 2-5 PM

Event Dates

December 8
Baronial Yule (Caerthe) Cecelia
December 9
Caer Galen Midwinter (Caer Galen) Signy 303-920-1142
December 16 -17
al-Barran Midwinter & War Practice (al-Barran) AEthelwulf 505-228-9560
January 6-7
Caerthe's 12th Night (Caerthe) Ulrik 720-620-1282
January 13-14
Citadel 12th Night (Citadel) Bjorn 915-471-9340
January 13
Viking Vinter Vunterland (Dragonsspine) Tiberius 719-232-5565
January 13
Plattefordham 12th Night (Plattefordham) Catriona 307-473-5658
January 20
Winter Oasis (Unser Hafen) Ekaterina 970-356-0943
January 20-21
Fontaine's 12th Night & Baronial Investiture (Fontaine) Aedhagan 505-330-5777
January 27
Caer Galen A&S (Caer Galen) Zoraya 720-436-5361
February 3
Candlemas (Dragonsspine) Cassandra
February 13-19
Estrella War XXIII (Atenveldt) www.estrellawar.org

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from the Baron

Unto the Populace of Unser Hafen,

Now is the hour for us to reflect back upon the year past and look to what we may improve within our Barony and ourselves. I have often said, "The SCA is about self-improvement." Let us ponder those things we wish to change for the better in the times ahead and be thankful for the memories of those times past. I wish you, one and all, happy tidings as we enter the season of giving. I also thank you for the time that you all generously give in service to our Barony. Your time is a most valuable gift.

Soon we shall be called to Estrella War in the vast wasteland of Atenveldt. The heat of the desert lands has lured others from their cold climates, and Our Cousins of the Kingdom of the Sun require our aid. The end of January is the final date for online preregistration for this fine endeavor. Dec. 15 is the last date a paper pre-registration may be postmarked. Please, pre-register soon. I implore you all to attend this fine war and show the Known World the might and glory that is Unser Hafen.

But as you prepare for war, forget not that here in our own Barony, the drums of a great occasion are beginning to be heard. On Jan. 20, the great Caravans will gather for Winter Oasis, and the dance, music and delights of the desert will be celebrated here, even as the winter snows swirl around our keeps. Be there with bells on!

As always, your wisdom and council are greatly appreciated, both on the subject of the direction of the Barony, and on those whom you see as deserving of awards from my hand and those of Their Royal Majesties. Any member of the populace may recommend someone for an award at any time.

May your halls be warm and your tables be laden,

Baron Samuel

From the Seneschal

Greetings to all who come by these letters. As we approach the darkest days of the year, let us all reflect on the light and warmth in our Fair Barony. We have had many wonderful events this past year; thank you to everyone in the Barony who participated! Our strength is our populace.

Winter Oasis is coming! Harken to the calls from the East and join us for an afternoon and evening of good food, dancing, music, and good company. This year's event location has changed because Ammons Hall at CSU has been turned into office space...Fear not! Lady Ekaterina has booked the KoC Hall in Fort Collins. It looks like it will be a wonderful space for this event. Be sure to mark January 20th on your Calendar! From January, our Populace meetings will move to the winter site - Mountain Range Shadows. Populace is on the third Thursday of every month.

The Officers of the Barony work hard for ensure the years events, meetings, and gatherings go smoothly. If you are interested in what goes on behind-the-scenes in the Barony, please come join us at the Officer's monthly meetings. The next meeting will be January 18, 2007 at Room 210, Lory Student Center, CSU. If you are thinking about becoming more active in Service to the Dream, we are looking for deputies (in most areas), coordinators for various activities, and autocrats for future events. For example, if you have an interest in working with newer members, contact Lady Helene, our Hospitaller. Ask her about being a class coordinator for Populace meetings, a shopping helper for newcomers, or a contact for someone who might share your interests in the SCA.

May you all have a safe and warm holiday season and the live your dreams in the New Year!

Yours, I remain, in Service to the Dream

Lady EllaAnne deKari
Seneschal
Unser Hafen

Caer Galen Midwinter

An Evening with the Borgias
Saturday, December 9, 2006 ~ Noon to 11:00 pm ~ Boulder, CO

Welcome to Rome, 1497. As you admire the wondrous art and high culture of this, the finest of cities, be sure to watch your back. Intrigue is at its height as noble families vie for prominence. Even the mightiest houses are rocked with scandal. Lucrezia Borgia has accused her husband, Giovanni Sforza, of impotence and is filing for a divorce. In retaliation, Giovanni claims that his young bride has indulged in incestuous affairs with both her brother and her father! But beware of whom you share gossip with. Spies are everywhere in the courts, and the assassin's blade is ever ready to avenge a perceived slight.

A marvelous repast is being prepared by Syr Bjarki and will include:
Salad of greens with balsamic vinaigrette dressing, Bruschetta, Cheese tortellini in pesto sauce, Tuscan chicken with stone ground mustard sauce, Long grain wild rice, Flan
Allergy alerts: No onions or nuts will be used in the feast. However, there will be lots of garlic and basil. If this will pose a problem, please contact one of the autocrats.

Feast Limit: There is a feast limit of 110 paid attendees. There will be a waiting list available on a first come, first served basis.

Site is wet, but does not allow red wine.

Site Fees:

- Adult ~ $10
- Child (12 and younger) ~ $5
- Family Cap ~ $30 (does not include non-member surcharge or feast)
- Non-member Surcharge ~ $3 per person
- Adult Feast ~ $10
- Child's Feast (6-12 years) ~ $5
- Babe in Arms Feast (5 and younger) ~ free

Directions:
The Unity Church of Boulder, 1855 Folsom, Boulder, Colorado 80302

From the South: Take I-25 to US-36 (exit will be on the left). Follow US-36 into Boulder; it will become 28th Street. Turn West (left) onto Valmont Rd. The church is on the southwest corner of Valmont and Folsom.
From the North: Take I-25 to 119. Follow 119 / Diagonal Hwy into Boulder. Turn South (left) onto 28th Street. Turn West (right) onto Valmont Rd. The church is on the southwest corner of Valmont and Folsom.

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A Term of Service: What it Means to Be an Officer

By Thl Sean ui Neill the Staffmaker

The current edition of the Known World Handbook defines the term, "officer" as follows: "Someone who is appointed to one of the jobs in the civil service of a Society branch, or to the SCA as a corporation." For those among you who are new to this game that we play, and perhaps as a reminder for some of the more 'seasoned' members reading this, being an officer of a branch of the Society is, first and foremost, all about service. Service to your local group whether it be at the Baronial, Cantonal, or Collegiate level revolves around taking care of all of the major and minor details that need to be addressed in order for all of us to be able to enjoy what we call "the current middle ages."

Their Excellencies, the Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen, serve at the pleasure of the Crown of the Outlands for a term of around two to three years. They are appointed by the Crown to serve the Barony and Kingdom, as representatives of the Kingdom in Unser Hafen; and, by the same token, their Excellencies represent the populace of Unser Hafer, Bofarrach, and Ram's Keep to the Kingdom of the Outlands. The Baronage, the collective term for the Baron and Baroness, in turn, appoints gentles to take on the various duties and responsibilities inherent with the running of an organization such as ours.

The appointment process in the Barony of Unser Hafen generally works as follows. A gentle who is interested in serving the Barony et al, goes to a serving officer and asks them about the particulars of the office in question. If the gentle decides that the work of the office is to their liking, they may elect to ask the officer to be considered as a deputy. A deputy could either be groomed as an eventual replacement for the currently serving officer or as a temporary aid to the officer while learning the ins and outs of that office. Either way, the help can and will be greatly appreciated by those for whom the help is given. Someone once said that many hands make for light work. This is as true in our game as well as anywhere. As an officer nears the end of their term of service, they will prepare a replacement for the office. The gentle who is to be the prospective replacement will be recommended to the Baronage as a worthy successor to the office. If the Baronage, upon consultation with the Seneschal, agrees with the recommendation and if the likely candidate is still willing to do so, the successor will be appointed to the office as the retiring officer's successor. This is done at a court ceremony at a practice or event held in Unser Hafen.

As mentioned in the second paragraph of this article, to be an officer is to serve. That is: to be ready, willing, and able to perform a job of service to the local group, the Kingdom, and by ultimate extension, the Society as a whole. What any office is not about is self-aggrandizement, attempts at personal prestige, or reflected glory. It is about serving, not about gaining. The rewards come of their own accord depending on the merits of the gentle in question.

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al-Barran Midwinter
(and War Practice)
December 16 & 17, 2006

Expo New Mexico Youth Hall
Bataan Memorial Park
Sites open 9:00am
Reservations Highly Suggested:
$18 Adult Feast And Site
$10 Adult Offboard Seating
$10 Youth Feast and Site (5 to 15 years)
$4 Youth Offboard Seating
FREE Children under 4 years
$3 Non-Member Surcharge for Adult rates

The history of the Italian Peninsula is one of city-states and their ambitions on the global stage. With the august Etruscans and their successors of Rome, Italy controlled the known world for centuries. Even after their fall at the hands of the barbarian hordes, power still emanated from Rome and the City-States surrounding her.

This Midwinter please join Their Excellencies of al-Barran, Gregor and Monica, in celebrating the culinary treasures of two of the main city-states in the Wars that criss-crossed the Italian Penninsula during the mid 16th Century: Florence and Milan...

Vladomir Igorevitch, Feast Steward; AEthelwulf, Autocrat.

Tentative Schedule
(at Their Majesties' and Excellencies' Pleasure)
Saturday
9:00am Feast Site Opens
9:30am Pelican Circle
10:30am Laurel Circle
11:30am Chivalry Circle
2:00pm Opening Court
3:00pm First Course Served (Baronial Championship Bardic will occur during feast)
11:00pm Feast Site Closes
Sunday
9:00am War Practice Site Opens
7:00pm War Practice Site Closes

Feast Directions
Make your best way to the interchange of Interstate 40 and the Kings' Highway (I-25). Proceed Easbound on I-40 to Exit 161 (San Mateo). Exit Southbound onto San Mateo and drive to Central Avenue (approx 1.5 mi) Turn Eastbound on Central to San Pedro. Proceed Northbound on San Pedro to Copper and enter the fairgrounds through Gate 3. Feast and classes are being held at the Leon H. Harms Youth Hall.

War Practice Directions
Exit the Kings' Highway (I-25) at 224B (Central Ave & Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd) and turn Eastbound onto Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Proceed on MLK to University Blvd, turn Northbound. Proceed along University to Lomas Blvd and turn Eastbound. Take Lomas to Carlisle Blvd (1.2 mi), and Battan Park is on the North side of Lomas just before Carlisle.

Caerthen 12th night "Fair Extravaganza"

Celebrating the best of Caerthe
January 6, 2007

Location:
Highlands Masonic Temple
3550 Federal Blvd
Denver, CO 80211

Site Fee:
$12.00 per person Site and Lunch
$8.00 Feast

Time
10:00am-11:00pm

This event will showcase the best of Caerthe. Our Guilds, Artisans and Fighters are some of the best in the Kingdom. It's time to bring all of our finest together in one place, throw in some games and it is to be the most glorious event ever had in our fine Barony. Pomp and Circumstance, Heraldry and carnival style games, merchants galore, heavy & light fighting, archery (yep archery), A&S and Bardic.

The booths will be sponsored by the wonderfully talented Guilds of our Fine Barony. A portion of the funds raised from these games will be presented to ALL of the participating guilds.
Entertainment

We have lined up one of the most talented troops for your entertainment. The Tynkers will be performing for the main event in the evening.

The idea is to bring a carnival/fare atmosphere to the days events. Coins will be issued at troll and can be purchased at anytime during the days events. Each participant of the games will pay one coin to make an attempt at winning the prizes available for the booths. These prizes will be more coins ranging from 1 to 50 coin value. At the end of the evening the coins will be used at an auction to purchase the ultimate prizes provided by the different guilds.

The best gamer has the best chance of getting the lovely prizes.
Feasts

Sir Domingo and his staff will provide a buffet style lunch feast. The theme is to be feasting throughout the ages. The feast will be presented throughout the day with the main course in the evening just after court.

Off-board seating will also be available.

Schedule
- 10:00am Site open
- 12:00pm Carnival Games begin
- 12:00pm Heavy Tournament: Finals for the best of Caerthe Tournament
- 1:00pm Light Tournament: Finals for the best of Caerthe Tournament

2:00pm Archery Tournament: Best hunter (stuffed animal hunter anyway) Tournament
3:00pm Bar room brawl: (open to everyone)
4:00pm A&S display and competition:
5:00pm Bardic competition:
6:00pm Court
7:00pm Feast and the Tynkers
11:pm Site Closes

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January 13, 2007
Barony of Dragonsspine

Location
Monument Valley Park (Colorado Springs)

Directions

Directions from the North: Take I-25 South to exit 144, Uintah St. Exit and turn left to head east on Uintah. At Glen Ave (1st actual stop light), turn right. Follow sings to park.

Directions from the South: Take I-25 North to exit 144, Uintah St. Exit and turn right on Uintah. At first stop light, Glen Ave, turn right. Follow signs to park.

Site Information

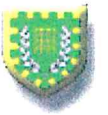
Opens - 10:00 am
Closes - 8:00 pm
Site is DRY!!

Fees
Site:
Adult $4.00, including lunch
Children 12 and under, FREE
$3.00 non-member surcharge
Please make checks payable to: SCA-Dragonsspine

Autocrat
Lord Tiberius Acilius Brutus (Daniel Duffield) 4479 Fortune Circle South, Colorado Springs, CO (719) 232-5565 no later then 9:00 pm please

Winter Oasis

Saturday January 20, 2007
Barony of Unser Hafen



Site Location: Knights of Columbus Hall
121 N. Meldrum, Fort Collins, CO 80521
Site Opens at 1:00pm and Closes at 10:30 pm
Site Fee (free),
Buffet and Classes Fee: Adults $7, Children (6-12) $3, Under 6 free
Checks payable to SCA-Unser Hafen
Site is wet.

The buffett will start at 2:00 and be replenished during the day. Although the buffet is included in the site fee, any food contributions are always looked upon with great favor as it makes for a much richer feast. If you would like to bring a dish to share please contact our food coordinator so that she can begin to layout the feast.
Tentative Menu so you may begin your tentative drooling:
Lamb and pilaf, flatbread bar, couscous, haroset, meat wrapped in pastry,
Carrot tzimmes and a variety of vegetable delicacies, stuffed dates, baklava and...?
p.s. don't forget your feast gear!

As in years past "Winter Oasis" attracts some of the finest Middle Eastern performers in the Outlands. This is your chance to learn from these artists and take part in the fulfillment that Middle Eastern music and dance has to offer. Please feel free to join a class even if you have no instrument to bring. There will be some extra drums for those without. Please bring any drums or instruments that you wish to play or share. Visit the Web site, www.unserhafen.org/winteroasis/, for the latest class list.

Volunteers are the key to a successful event. It is also very rewarding.
We are looking for volunteers in the following areas.

Setup:12:00pm-1:00pm
Troll: One hour shifts during the event.
Kitchen and Buffett: During the event.
Clean up: 11:00pm-midnight

If you would like to Volunteer please contact the autocrat...

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Directions: From North or South: Take I-25 to exit 269B (CO 14 West). Go west 3.3 miles to Riverside Ave. and turn RIGHT. Less than 1 mile later, turn LEFT onto Mountain Ave. Continue on Mountain past College to Meldrum. Turn RIGHT on Meldrum and the hall will be on your left. Please note that carpooling is recommended as parking is VERY limited. Parking is allowed in the south side parking lot, on the street, and in the school lot across the street. The numbered north lot is for the apartment residents only, and violators will be towed.

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